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## EDITORIAL NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Will any one who knows, please furnish us with the postoffice address of W. T. Grafton? We have his name and money, but do not know where to address him.

A great flood on the Danube, in Europe, has caused immense loss of property and life. The people, especially in Hungary, are in great distress. Here is a fit subject for Christian sympathy and prayer.

There may not be very much propelling power in the life of the Christian to make things go in this world; but there should be a fairly good degree of those heart and life qualities that draw, beloved, to the loving, self-denying, self-sacrificing people will love to be near.

To "pray without ceasing," does not mean that you must be constantly in the attitude of formal prayer, but rather in the spirit and mood of devotional thanksgiving and supplication, with as frequent as need be, direct appeals for present direction and help.

The man Clark, who killed Rev. J. R. Moffett in Danville, Va., some months ago, has been found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to the penitentiary for five years. This is better than no justice at all.

It seems to be a very mild, not to say purile way of disposing of what appeared to be a pretty clear case of premeditated assassination.

The Pope's recently manifested interest in the passage of Mr. Gladstone's home rule bill for Ireland, seems to excite the suspicion and distrust of the people of Ulster. There is nothing singular about that, however, for they well know that whatever puts the Pope and Catholicism in mortal antagonism to all manner of Protestantism and evangelical Christianity.

Brethren sometimes write to us from some other postoffice than their own, and fail to give their own. Then we are all at sea, for we do not know where they are at. We can always find a subscriber's name if we have his postoffice, for the postoffices are indexed. Always put the name of your own postoffice on your letter. Please do this without fail.

The sea is placid enough when the wind don't blow, but when old waves' fretful breath comes upon it, it gets all ruffled up, and sometimes works itself into a high-gale. So with some Christians, they are sweet and oily enough until they are crossed or opposed; then some of the inside of their religion comes out in a tempest of bitterness. Beloved, is that you?

The opposers of the anti-opium bill in and out of the United States Congress, seem to be quite jolly over what they call the final defeat of that measure. We haven't the heart to join them in their merry-making, but nevertheless find more than a "crumb of comfort" in the fact that there are at least a clear majority of 49 members in that body who have no fellowship with gambling and roguery.

The devil knows he is not needed at a prize fight or in a gambling den, but can well afford to turn all of his matters there over to his agents and employees, the sporting and sparring gentry. This is, no doubt, that he may have more time for all manner of religious meetings and Christian enterprises. You needn't suppose he doesn't know the way to the house of God. Watch, therefore, and stand fast.

The Federal Court of Mississippi City the other day got in a pretty fair day's work. It fined a blind tiger keeper \$100 and sent him to jail for thirty days, and got in a like sum on an illicit distiller and sent him up for sixty days. That seems to be one of the ways to prove that prohibition won't prohibit, and they will succeed after a while if they keep at it.

Our subscribers who have been paying up, and a goodly number of them have thus made us glad, have our most hearty thanks. We hope to hear in a few days from many others.

How much of the validity of baptism depends upon the authority of the administrator, is more than suggested by the fact that the Master's command is, "Not to the penitent believer to be baptized, but to his body and representatives, the churches, to baptize." "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them," etc. Matt. 28:19. If this position has any weight whatever, alien immersions have nothing to stand upon but a hypothesis.

A note from the venerable Judge Benj. Thompson, of Lake Como, tells us that he is still a great sufferer from the fall he got several months ago. But notwithstanding the tribulations of the flesh and the wearing and gradual perishing of the outer man, the spirit rejoices in memory of past divine loving kindnesses, and in the blessed hope of the future. May the Lord graciously sustain his servant to the end.

Congressman Hatch, in his last speech on the anti-opium bill, just defeated in Congress for the lack of a two-thirds majority vote, said: "This proposition cannot be defeated to-day. It may be delayed, but it is assured to come up from the demand of the people as the sun is to rise and set every twenty-four hours." If the moral sensibilities of the people do not force it, they will yet grow more weary of the steaming "future gambling" entails, and institute some other process of kicking.

The desires of a covetous man are unlimited. This world is not large or rich enough to meet his demands. If he live as long as he may, and get as much as he can, he will still want more. It is singular that such a man should not be able to see that heavenly riches would meet all of the demands of the most capacious covetousness. Why should powers so large and strong, be wasted on the beggarly elements of this world, when limitless and eternal riches are in sight?

God says to the people: "Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death," by which he would warn and woo the sinner. Think a moment, dear friend, and you will see that there are two joys in the one, and two griefs in the other. Take the way of life and you will rejoice, 1. That you chose that way, and 2. That you did not take the other way. But if you take the way of death you will have two great sorrows, 1. That you made that choice, and 2. That you did not choose the way of life when you might. Then remember, these joys or regrets will be for all eternity.

It is absolutely marvelous how intelligent people can have any sort of faith in ritualistic religion. To our mind, the rites, ceremonies and mummeries of such a church are as futile to cleanse the soul and life from sin as an air bath would be to make clean and passable one who had fallen into and come up out of the sink reeking with all its foul and fetid matter and odors. Such things may pacify an uneducated conscience and allay the fears of the ignorant, but every reader of the Bible knows that the blood of Christ, through faith in him, is the lost soul's only remedy.

Paul said when near the end of his life journey: "I have fought a good fight," and no doubt much of that fighting was to get in the gold and at the same time keep out the dirt. This, doubtless, is the experience of many others, who know it is so with us. Our talks with our brethren about their beliefs have always enriched our Christian knowledge and experience, but we cannot say as much about the expression they have given to their doubts. Human nature is so prone to doubt. It is so easy to go down the slope. Our safety seems to lie in "fighting the good fight of faith," with Paul. The Lord is our helper.

If Roman Catholics could be induced to see the utter moral obliquity of the liquor traffic and habit, to separate it entirely from their religion, and like most of the evangelical bodies of Christianity ostracize and outlaw it, there would be greater hope of its early extinction. But as long as they use the emblems of their religion and pictures of their saints to be used as saloon decorations, and those dens of drunkenness and crime to be called after the names of their most choice church characters, as is common in most Catholic countries, and perhaps not very uncommon in this one, they will be clogs and hindrances to the temperance movement, whatever may be their public utterances or individual preferences.

### ONLY TWO MONTHS.

We have now less than two months to work before the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Nashville. It is a fact that in the last ten months we have not done as well as we might in pushing our work along the line, and there is much ground and many reasons for regrets, and perhaps little excuse for not doing more. But we will accomplish little by dwelling upon the past, unless it be to weaken our hands and unnerve our hearts for the future. What we need to do now above all other things, is to look away from the past and with all possible dispatch make ready to fill up those two months with constant, well directed and effective work. Let us

do in this brief time if we cover the ground and fill out the limits we have marked out for ourselves. We cannot, of course, ignore or even temporarily set aside our own State work. Whatever may be the pressing demands upon us of the general interests of the cause, we are bound by every sentiment and principle of religion and humanity to keep that work going and to press it hard, for herein do we get strength for that which is in "the regions beyond." This embraces, 1. Our State mission work, which is probably more in need of our help just now than it has ever been at this season of the year before. The long continued sickness of our Secretary during the fall and winter, greatly retarded that work, and its demands in the hands of our new Secretary are imperative.

2. Our ministerial educational work has claims upon us and our churches that are vital to the interests of our denominational life and progress. And the Board for their support, is looking to God's people in the State in earnest expectation for the means to help the young men now at Clinton, through college. These two home interests must be maintained, whatever else we do.

3. But the Foreign and Home Boards have their prior claims just now, and are both in pressing need of means to complete their contracts with missionaries already at work, and to equip and send out others now being urgently called for by the necessities of the perishing people in all of their mission fields. In two months more their reports will be made to the Convention. Are we ready to meet them? There are ten months gone, and scarcely one-fourth of the means needed for the year's work have been furnished for either Board. Do we realize this? People of the living God, what will you do about it? Is it not enough to mention these things to awaken the interest of our people and cause our churches to realize their responsibility, and to put on their strength to meet all of these pressing demands? These are all matters that belong to our ordinary routine work, and ought to have our first attention and consideration. What are we doing to meet the great emergency that is now upon us?

4. But brethren, we have undertaken another great work, one that is extra and additional to all of these, and which just now, on account of the shortness of the time, is the most pressing of all. Of course we allude to our centennial work—the matter of raising \$250,000 for a permanent fund for the Home and Foreign Boards, and enough besides to equip and send out 100 new missionaries into other fields. In the appropriation made to the different States by the Southern Baptist Convention, \$10,000 is the sum that is asked of the Baptists of our State; and so far as we know, less than one-half of that amount has been raised up to the present time. We have had a great deal of educational work in public meetings, sermons, essays and newspaper articles, and surely our people are well enough posted as to this centennial work to go into it intelligently and heartily. The seed of instruction has been well and thoroughly sown, and now the reaping time has come, and brethren it is well high gone by, only about two months remain to gather in the harvest. That is time enough, however, if our people will go at once to the work. Do you ask what must we do? Why by all means see to it that the matter is properly brought before your church and Sunday School each and every one in the whole State, and that every individual in each church and school be urged to make a contribution. Let those who have much of this world's goods give liberally in proportion to their wealth, and let those who have but little give out of that little in honest proportion, remembering that "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver," and that "the liberal soul shall be fat." Now, in our opinion, if our people will do this the work will be done, and at the Southern Baptist Convention in May the Centennial Committee will make a report that will awaken the echoes of joy and praise throughout the length and breadth of our whole Southland. Let the motto be a collection from every church and a contribution from each member, and let our

whole strength be employed to make it a practical reality. Brethren the world was created in six days but we have two months to complete this work. Can we do it? Yes if we will. Will we do it? Well, we shall see. And may God help us to avail ourselves of this great opportunity to express our gratitude for his unmeasured goodness to us, and also to help make Christ known, and to carry the good news of salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth.

All, of course, have heard of the destructive cyclone that visited our section of the State on last Friday afternoon. It passed only a few miles—perhaps three or four—

from our station on the M. & O. R. R., not more than five miles away. A large number of homes were left in ruins in its track, and three persons—Mrs. Meadows and daughter and one other—were killed by the falling timbers of the ruined houses. At Toombsville, fourteen miles east of us, where the town lay directly in the track of the storm, very few of the houses were left standing. Among those destroyed that have been reported, were the Baptist church, which was a very comfortable and comfortable structure, and the homes of our brethren, Elders J. E. Brunson and J. F. Bynum, both well known Baptist preachers and men who have rendered good service to the Master's cause. We have heard of no fatal casualties at Toombsville, and fortunately only a few were hurt. Two or three other small towns along the railroad suffered considerably, but we think little as compared with those above mentioned, except at Pachuta, which place seems to have been visited on the night of the same day by another and similar storm, and where several homes were wrecked and one person fatally injured.

It has been a time of great distress to many people, which distress has not yet been relieved, though many willing hearts and helpful hands have done their utmost to bring comfort and relief to the distressed and suffering people. Liberal collections were taken up in all of churches on Sunday last and a subscription of several cities, which we hope it will be extended into the thousands, for nothing less will suffice to return the broken up people to a condition of comfort even approximating that which they were in before the storm. Here is a most excellent opportunity for all charitably disposed people to exercise that inestimable gift in helping these unfortunate people. Any amount sent to us at THE BAPTIST RECORD office, will be duly turned over to the committee and reported in the paper.

Very unexpectedly to us we had a real preacher's holiday last Sunday at Forest. Bro. J. C. Little, of Mississippi College, was visiting friends at our little village and as we were just a little on the sick list and as we all wanted to hear him preach, we pressed him in for both sermons. He gave us two excellent sermons made a fine impression on our people and we were all happy. We hope he will come again soon.

ELD. J. E. BRUNSON.

In the terrible cyclone which destroyed Toombsville last Friday, the home and effects of Eld. J. E. Brunson were entirely destroyed. I understand that not even a change of clothing was left him and his family.

I have known Bro. Brunson for many years as a worthy, laborious minister, and it seems only necessary to insert this notice to induce many to send him such help as his circumstances call for. Any amount sent to us at THE BAPTIST RECORD office, will be duly turned over to the committee and reported in the paper.

J. E. GAMBRELL.

We wish to add our endorsement and the full weight of our personal influence to what Bro. Gambrell has said in the above appeal in the interest of Bro. Brunson, and earnestly urge an immediate material response, as his necessities and those of his family are great indeed. We have also learned that Rev. J. F. Bynum, also of Toombsville, was a sufferer by the storm to the extent of the loss of all of his household effects, and that he is in great need of help. Believing himself and wife, we learn he has a family of four or five small children, and being a poor man, as most Baptist preachers are, is left in a very destitute condition. He is a worthy man and a good preacher, and deserves well of the people, and especially of his brethren. Brethren, make haste to send help to these servants of our Master who have said: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."—Eps.

Bro. Jas. A. Scarborough leaves Wesson and goes to Boguie, Chitau, where his correspondents will address him hereafter.

### OUR OBSERVATORY.

Rev. E. B. Miller resigned the pastorate of the Grenada church on Sunday to accept the care of the church at Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Bro. Miller has been pastor at Grenada for nine years, during which time he has done a fine work. Under his leadership a beautiful house of worship has been built, and the church greatly strengthened. He has had the active and hearty cooperation of his people which is a guarantee of success for any good pastor. We do not know a church which does more to strengthen the hands of the hands of the pastor than the Grenada church.

Not only Grenada, but Mississippi is loth to give up a good preacher, a wise and a true man. We learn that Bro. H. P. Hemby is a choice preacher, and a good preacher leaves a lasting impression. We hope that he is not contemplating leaving the State. The Greenville Times says of Bro. Lampson's first sermon: "It was a plain, practical sermon addressed alike to the heads and hearts of his hearers, and produced an excellent impression." "Some church members were very much offended if they thought they proposed. Their feelings are hurt," they complain. "due respect is not paid them, etc." Such men are not Baptists at heart but little lay popes. They ought to be ashamed of themselves as central Baptists. How much more should these little lay popes be ashamed when the pastor chooses to exercise his personal rights, if doing so goes counter to their wishes. Rev. J. O. Adams writes us that the ministry of Rev. R. W. Sanders in his new field at Florence, S. C. We rejoice to hear it, for we know no brother who preaches the Gospel with more earnestness and holiness. Christ is his theme, and so it is never necessary for him to resort to sensational subjects to draw audiences. The Asheville Baptist came on good time this week, laden with good things. Dr. Wright is giving the Western North Carolina Convention a fine paper.

Bro. W. T. Lowrey writes: "Blue Mountain church rounded up \$50 in cash for Foreign Missions yesterday, after having given over \$200 for the permanent Centennial fund." We are told that this is a poor church, but it seems to give more money to missions than any church in the State. If we are wrong we will gladly correct this statement. The Baptist Courier refers to the fact that Dr. Powell passed through Greenville recently and preached to a large congregation at the First church of that city, and then says: "He had very little to say of the Centennial work. He only mentioned it incidentally in speaking of the great need of the churches in Mexico." No wonder that Bro. Powell was silent upon this subject, since the Courier has been pouring hot shot into him and the Centennial Committee for weeks. It called out the Baptist artillery in the whole state and fired upon him from every direction. The Courier may have been right, but it certainly could not expect even the intrepid Powell to open his mouth at the muzzles of its galling guns. From "Editorial Briefs" in the Western Recorder we take the following: "The term 'popular preacher' is mixed up with so many annotations of superficiality, of effeminacy, of vanity, of emptiness, of vapidity, that any one to whom it is applied may well regard it as a term of humiliating insult." So says Archdeacon F. W. Farrar. Let our young ministers take care how they use the reputation of being "popular preachers," and let editors be careful how they apply the term. There are those who feel complimented by having applied to them this "humiliating insult," as Farrar calls it. Biblical Recorder. We note that some of our exchanges have been applying that term to one or two brethren in North Carolina. Do these brethren deserve such treatment? Bailey?—You say you would not impose on you Dr. Lowrey, and we assure you that you never made a request which it gave us more pleasure to comply with than the one which came with that statement. We are just in receipt of a letter from Bro. Geo. Anderson, of Vicksburg, informing us of the illness of Dr. J. H. Hoyet, his pastor. He says: "His illness is of a very serious nature, being almost entirely paralyzed from a severe attack of Lagripitis in his behalf." We are sorry indeed that Dr. Hoyet is so ill, and extend our sympathies to him, to his family and to his church. We are sure that our people will need

the request to pray for his speedy recovery. He has been ill for more than a month. Dr. Hoyet is a recent acquisition to our ministry in this State, and we hope that it is God's will for him to carry on the work upon which he has so auspiciously entered at Vicksburg. "I thank you for your kind words in THE RECORD about my book. I am glad to say that it is moving off all right."—J. T. Christian. We have no doubt about its moving off all right and we predict that it will keep on moving. We note that a good man recently made this comment upon a preacher: "It seems that he is a great lover of fame and money. I do not want, however, to

think of him as a selfish man, but I think for a preacher to so conduct himself as to make this impression upon others, but it is sadder still for it to be true of him."—Rev. J. O. Adams proposes to reward us for a little kindness we have shown him. The only reward we desire, dear brother, is a continuation of your love and friendship. When we love a fellow as we do you nothing is to great for us to undertake in his behalf. Mrs. Eliza Yates, the widow of the late Dr. M. T. Yates who was so long missionary to China is now on a visit to this country. She is in Raleigh, N. C. We suggest that our pastors preach sermons on Easter Sunday, and instruct their people as to the origin of this heathen custom and its attendant evils. We propose trying our hand on an Easter sermon.—Our Presbyterian brethren are making a movement toward establishing a Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.—Georgetown College, Kentucky is making strong efforts to secure Dr. F. H. Kerfoot to succeed Dr. Dudley as president. The man who courts the ears of the people by advertising sensational subjects, and preaches on that line is doomed to fail in the end. We have seen it tried and in every instance the wind ceased to blow in a short while and there was an awful calm.—A little Episcopal preacher gives out the startling news that a couple is not lawfully married unless the ceremony is performed by one of their preachers. That is something strikingly startling to Mississippi people.

We are poor folks but love to read THE RECORD. We are getting lots of butter milk.—T. R. W. All right. Look out for us somewhere about Hamburg and the Wildwoods next summer. We love buttermilk and RECORD subscribers not a little.

### CHRONICLES.

L. A. D.

The signs of the times indicate great changes—it would seem that the Christian dispensation is drawing to a close. It is quite possible that the "times of the Gentiles" are drawing near their end, while it is very evident that perilous times have come. Not only do the prophecies point to these times; but the Apostle Paul foretold them. It is not written that "many shall run, and not know where they go." Knowledge is not wisdom. Are we not forgetting the true aggressiveness of Christianity and tending back toward "temple worship" and ceremonial law? Individual responsibility is hiding in the church and the "go" of the gospel is to some extent being evaded. Obedience is interpreted, by human fallibility, and the "patron given in the mount" has been mislaid by the models of men.

The Baptist Sunday School Union met Sunday afternoon with the Highland church, Bishop Farish presiding; Deacon Flournoy acting as Secretary. There was a large attendance, and much interest manifested. We had a good corps of singers to lead and many little folks to help. Secretary Dunn, of South Side, made an excellent talk on punctuality; followed by remarks from Dr. Bozeman. Pastor Lee, of the Forty-first Avenue pressed the matter of preparation of the lesson; followed by Pastor David, of the Fifteenth Avenue. Next meeting will be at South Side, first Lord's Day in May.

Let everybody who wants to get well and have a good time go to Wildwood Springs, near Hamburg, Miss. Bro. Whitehead will see that you have the best of accommodations and the finest medicinal waters.

Bro. E. B. Miller resigned the care of the Grenada church to-day. A sound gospel preacher, an earnest working pastor. We give him up with tearful regrets. But believing the Lord is leading him, we bow submissively.

Fraternally,

T. B. WILLIAMSON.

Grenada, Miss., March 5.

### ASSURANCE.

It being understood that all discussion as to the removal of Mississippi College is now forever at an end, the people of Clinton and the surrounding country have determined to put the college buildings in good repair. Handsome sums have already been given for that purpose and a great meeting of all the people is being held this week to carry on the work of getting ready to put the buildings in good condition. Capt. Ratliff is to deliver an address to the mass-meeting Wednesday night. Great enthusiasm prevails; everybody is ready to give, and is happy to do so. For Catalogue of the people

It occurs to us that it is high time for a revision either of the code of honor or modern Christian ethics. When two prominent members of the Methodist church go out by mutual consent, as did those two men at Waskom, Texas, the other day, and deliberately shoot at each other with murderous intent, it suggests that either dueling is getting to be a pious thing, or religion is a wicked thing. It remains to be seen whether or not the Methodist church can bring the machinery of its discipline to bear on such cases, and it would appear that it either should do so, or take down its sign and retire from business.

### NOTES FROM COLDWATER.

I wish to speak a good word for my church, Unity, in the Coldwater Association. Last Sunday being the fourth Sunday in February, was the first service, practically, we have had since winter set in. You know how it is in the country through the winter months.

Well, on Sunday I told the brethren we had better start the year work right and so we would redeem our pledge of \$5 to Ministerial Education. We took the collection and got \$6.00, and then I suggested that as our Foreign Mission Board was pressed we might do well to give it a little lift, and as some of the members had held back for such emergency we would give them a chance, and so we took a second pull and secured \$1.00.

I get to town. It is a big amount of money, but for Unity church, with less than one-half of the members present, it does well. The beauty of the collection was, not one of the members present refused to give. I am proud to say my membership is with this little band and in some respects it is among the best churches of our Association.

I am preaching to three other churches and have a school house appointment for one evening. The Lord is blessing my labors at all these points, for which I am abundantly grateful. Indeed, no country pastor has a more appreciative field than is mine; and although we are not as wealthy as some churches, yet we are willing to do our part and are happy and contented together. I, as pastor, am in profound sympathy with our general work and, under God, will lead my people along and up. God bless THE RECORD in its far-reaching usefulness. Our State would be dead religiously without it.

We most heartily welcome Bro. Alfred, of Louisiana, to our midst as successor to our dear Bro. Brock. I have not met Bro. Alfred but hear good reports of him at Sardis. A little three-year-old boy, son of Bro. and Sister Brewton, of Unity church, says he loves "Bro. Alfred." Come, Bro. "Alfred," we give you our hand for God and the good of His cause in the Old Coldwater Association.

Fraternally,

W. M. FARMER.

Como, Miss., Feb. 28.

### ABERDEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SESSION.

Superintendent C. W. Gibson, standing on the platform in the north end of the room has tapped the bell; all became quiet at once. A song is announced and heartily sung. A prayer is offered by Brother Channing. The scripture lesson is then read by the pastor. Brother Puckett leads in prayer. Roll is called by our official Secretary, Bro. Coleman Little. All the teachers, ten in number, are present and ready for duty. Classes take their places for recitation. Seated on the platform located as before stated, you look over the greater part of the school.

On the left in the corner is Bro. E. B. Lagon before a large and fine-looking class composed mostly of young ladies. His whole soul seems poured into his work as he insists upon the importance of reading and believing the Word. Just beyond this class on same side of the room is Deacon A. J. Brown with a class of bright little boys grouped about him, all eager to know what the teacher

will say to-day. This teacher does his work up. Brown and the little fellows believe in him.

Move along just a little and you find an interesting class of small boys, earnestly taught by Sister Moore. These boys are always anxious that their class be the banner class in attendance and collections. As the pastor came near them Sunday morning one of said, "we are the banner class again, because we are all here."

Look now over in the right hand corner near the stand and you find Sister Lagon teaching, successfully, a class of boys "almost grown." These young gentlemen are giving close attention to the lesson and doubtless appreciate their teacher.

Impromptu and fittings, belting, shuffling, pulling, slight feed substitutes, inspirations and inspirations, of you, and—

Immediately in front of the Superintendent is Bro. Channing, with his large and interesting class of boys. He has them fully in hand and good work is being done. Miss Ella Gill with her class of girls, almost grown, is neighbor to Bro. Channing. These girls should certainly be much interested in their duties, for their teacher is one of the best.

Along down the middle tier of seats near the rear of the room is the patient and pious, Miss Carrie Miller with a number of small girls about her, all seemingly anxious to please. The teacher with good attention and good lessons.

Now just run up stairs for a moment and look upon one of the largest and best classes of the school. Mrs. Alice Posey is the faithful teacher who has the confidence and love of all these girls. They are often the "Banner Class." Just step into the pastor's study if you please and see the class there assembled. Men and women, married and unmarried, all giving close attention to the exposition of the lesson by the pastor.

The time for recitation is up, the bell rings and we are all before the Superintendent again.

Our Secretary reports ninety-six present with a collection of \$2.40.

Our little organ, Miss Inez are dismissed.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather of the winter season our school has averaged seventy-seven in attendance.

We praise God for his blessing and press on in the work.

A beautiful picture happily conceived and skillfully drawn.—Eps.

### NOTES FROM SARDIS.

Dear Bro. HACKETT—I take this opportunity of thanking you and Bro. T. B. Harrell for your kindly notice of myself and field. You cannot say too many good things of the Sardis and Batesville saints. They have made themselves very dear to me during my short stay among them. I thank you for the offer of that "right hand." You need not mention the fact of it being "good." I know it to be a "good right hand." I can feel its grasp in former days, and know of its strength to hold on until a poor boy has been pulled through school. The Lord great that this hand may prosper in the work of THE RECORD, and all that it may find to do. Thank you, brother, for your kind offer of the columns of the paper. I have many things to say concerning this dear people by and by.

N. B.—Find enclosed postoffice order for \$2.00, for which please send THE RECORD. Always yours, W. M. A.

That is about right. Bro. Alfred begins by subscribing for THE RECORD, his new State paper. May the Lord greatly bless our brother in his new field. We most heartily commend him to our Mississippi saints as one whom they can rely upon.—Eps.

Edwin D. Mead, in the March New England Magazine, makes a plea for the preservation as public memorials of beautiful and historic places. Walter Blackburn Harle touches upon the universality of the aesthetic sense in a crude form, passes on to a consideration of the necessity of an approximation to positive criticism applied to aesthetic art, and winds up with a little good-natured portrait of literary potentate.

Dr. George E. Ellis has an article embodying his reminiscences of Dean Stanley and Phillips Brooks at Plymouth. Dr. Ellis was a friend of the Dean and Phillips Brooks, and on the occasion of the former's visit to the country, he accompanied the two famous divines to the old historic town of Plymouth. His paper, therefore, has a strong personal interest. It is illustrated with portraits.

FOR SALE.  
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gratitude of our people and the admiration of the world; and in behalf of the Memorial Museum to be established in the mansion occupied by President Davis as long as the Confederacy lasted, this appeal is made, to which every citizen of the Southern States is earnestly asked to give sympathy and support.

It is designed that the monument shall speak for each State, and the

Confederacy, of the sacred love and reverence for the dead, the name of each State graven on the stones forming the majestic column upon which will stand the shattered figure of our confederate Privilege and in the recesses of which they learn the true story of that "lost cause," and in which the spirit of that self-sacrifice which gloriously gave birth at the call of duty, it is intended to assign a room to each State (bearing its name, in which shall be placed the sacred relics of the glorious past; and it shall also be represented on the Roll of the Generators by a lady sent from that State.

Throughout the South there are many patriotic monuments erected to the memory of the gallant leader of the Confederacy, but none to the heroic private, who won its glorious

fortories and bore the severest hardships. These memorials are to commemorate the virtues of all the soldiers who have fallen in the cause of the Union. Perhaps no one spot so sprinkled with the people of the Civil war, or is more associated with their unparalleled heroism than Richmond, the Capital, on whose most lofty hill, overlooking those fields once drenched with the blood of the soldiers from every State, and that on sweeping river so gallantly defended, by the intrepid sailor, it should be our pride and glory to rear this unique monument—the combined shelter of love and gratitude from the entire Southern people. And surely within

the walls where so often gathered the valiant men and brave men, these lasting memorials of the noble sons and daughters of all the South should be ever held in honored remembrance and our children's children may learn—

"How sublime a thing it is  
To suffer and be strong."

To this end, there will shortly be held in this city the Memorial Bazaar. In it there will be a table, of course, for each State, bearing its <sup>own</sup> <sup>des</sup> <sup>igns</sup>, its shield, colors, and motto; and it is earnestly desired that each State should assist its own table with contributions of all kinds. This bazaar will be under the auspices of the Memorial Associations and Confederate Camps, and direct appeals will soon be sent out by them to enlist the active co-operation of those who never failed to honor—what now is, only a memory dear to every heart, he caused they believed to be right.

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## Woman's Work

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MARCH, 1893.

### SUBJECT—MEXICO.

It is a free man whom the truth makes free.  
And all are slaves beside?

1. Sentenced Prayers for the Holy Spirit.  
2. Hymn—"Holy Spirit, faithful guide."  
3. Hymn—"Come over into Macedonia and help us." Missionaries to the native assistants in

stations, 32; churches, 30; membership, 955; baptisms, 127; schools, 4; scholars, 189. Contributions, \$1,383.76.

4. Drill on names and stations of Missionaries. See Foreign Mission Journal. Use map.  
5. Prayer for the workers and the work.

6. Hymn—"There's a work for all."—G. H. 235.  
7. Lesson—"The Black Christ of Mexico," by Dr. Wm. D. Powell. In whole, or in part.  
8. Solo, or Duet.  
9. Account of Madero Institute at Saltillo.  
10. Business. Report, roll-call, payment of dues.

11. Emphasize the importance of making earnest and immediate effort to have each member fill a Chapel Card, if not already done, before close of Centennial year, April 3, 1893.  
12. Parting hymn.

DEAR SISTERS.—A mutual friend suggested that we send you the best premium offer. The Baptist Basket, Louisville, Ky., wants to distribute in each Southern State at least one thousand copies of Spurgeon's *Life*, a beautiful illustrated book of 256 pages.

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### LETTER FROM A FRONTIER MISSIONARY.

The societies of Columbus and Mt. Zion churches, Columbus Association, sent a box of clothing and bedding to one of the frontier missionaries. It made a number of hearts happy. How much good it will do the women who sent it will never be fully known. Here is the letter of thanks to these good sisters. We print it because others may be influenced to "go and do likewise."

DEAR SISTERS IN CHRIST.—I received the box of clothing and bedding which you sent. This was a great blessing, and came in the time of need. The garments for my family far exceed in quality anything I ever expected to receive. The cloaks are nice and will last a lifetime, and I have not seen a finer hat in ten years. We are delighted with all our gifts. Wife and the children are happy and are loud in speaking the praise of the kind sisters and dear children who sent the box, and none of them are happier than I am. With grateful hearts we thank God for such friends and pray the blessing of the Heavenly Father upon them all. If we never meet on earth, there is a place where we may meet to part no more.

Our work is prospering, you will be glad to know. Some here have professed religion, and others are under conviction and there are others who come to hear us preach. We are hopeful of good results. I am learning the language rapidly and can preach in the Choctaw language fairly well, can sing anything in that language. I am hopeful of doing much more work with even better results.

There has been much sickness in our part of the country, and my family have been sick, but are well now. We have had hard weather for two months, this with sickness has prevented me from doing much preaching. Now that all are well and the weather is better, I am again at work. Pray that the work may be blessed.

The children say they are s

that children in Mississippi helped fill the box as it contained beautiful pictures, delicious candy and excellent papers for them. They wish they could see their little friends who have been so thoughtful and kind as to send them these nice presents and useful clothing.

YOUR GRATEFUL MISSIONARY.  
Feb. 4, 1893.

### NEW SOCIETIES.

January 29, 1893, Mrs. Neppie O. Thompson, Vice-President of the Central Committee for Union Association, organized a Woman's Missionary Society at White Oak Church, President, Mrs. Hattie Craig Thompson, Carpenter; Vice President, Miss Lydia Simmons; Secretary, Miss Annie G. Jacobs, Utica; Treasurer, Mrs. Davis.

February 21, a society was reported as having been organized at Clear Creek Church, Springfield Association. Vice-President, Mrs. Beulah Waldrop, Puckett, Rankin county; Secretary, Miss Phemie Chapman, Puckett.

ADILLA M. HILLMAN.  
Clinton, Miss., March 1, 1893.

### LITERATURE.

For Women and Young People's Mission Societies, which can be obtained free of charge by applying to Mrs. Rebecca P. Spores, Jackson, Mississippi.

Blank form for quarterly report, Constitution for Women's or Young People's Mission Society, Pioneer Work of Baptist Women in Mississippi, Organized Work of Baptist Women in Mississippi, Report of Central Committee of the Women's and Young People's Mission Societies, Auxiliary to the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention, Annie's Bricks, Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box, A Missionary Potato, Only a Dime, Chips From Many Workshops, A Help to Woman's Mission Societies, Garnered Gleanings, A Help to Young People's Mission Societies, Centennial Mission Cards, Foreign Mission Centennial Chapel Cards, Home Mission Centennial Chapel Cards, Certificates, Program for Centennial Children's Day, Recitations for Centennial Children's Day, Programs and Envelopes for Christmas, Thank Offering for Japan, Brick Plan Collection Book for First Baptist Church Havana, Cuba, Mite Boxes, Mite Barrels, Leads, Centennial Address on Home Missions, The Call of God in the Centennial Movement, The Glad Tidings, Eternity's Memorial of Life's Work, Africa, The Land of the Southern Cross, Brazil, Italy, Mexico, The Story of the South China Mission, Some Reasons for Supporting Foreign Missions, Catechism of Foreign Missions, Our Frontier Missionaries, Sample Copy of the Foreign Mission Journal, and Our Mission Field.

### FRONTIER MISSIONARIES.

Their poverty and meagre salaries often result in the barest supply of the necessities of life. The wide range of their work, the distance to be traveled over the roughest roads or where none exists, taking their course from settlement to settlement, sometimes by the sun or by the stars, the heat of summer, the cold of winter, the rain, hail, snow, swollen stream, the coarse fare, the paltry of straw, the insufficient and sometimes untidy covering, the rudeness and ignorance encountered, the want of houses of worship, preaching often in crowded dwellings, or in the groves, make every day of their long absence from home a day of sacrifice unknown to those who live under more favorable conditions.

Our noble Christian women have carried sunshine into many of these homes by the valuable boxes of supplies, which they have sent and we hope that they will continue to do so. But cannot they, and all of our people, so enlarge their money gifts to the board as to enable us to relieve these burden-bearers, tolling for the Master, still further? Help us to increase their salaries.

I. T. TICHENOR.

### BOXES FROM FRONTIER MISSIONARIES.

Societies desiring to help frontier missionaries can obtain letters from them, and suggestions for sending boxes by applying to the President of the Central Committee, Mrs. Adella M. Hillman, Clinton, Miss.

### FINAL CENTENNIAL APPEAL.

FROM THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO A. M. C.

MY DEAR SISTERS.—With no ordinary feelings of interest or solicitude do we make this appeal. The Centennial year, as a special occasion from God, has been thick-set with opportunities for growth in all the Christian graces, as the heaven is studded with stars. It is quickly passing—it is almost gone. Have these gracious opportunities of fuller knowledge of God's ways in the past of wider outlook on the whitening fields, of deeper consciousness of individual duty, of a closer call to sacrifice,—have these Centennial opportunities been embraced by each of us, to lift us to higher planes of Christian living? Or have we failed to catch the spirit of "this grand and awful time, this age on ages telling," carelessly thinking that its days and weeks are as all others, and its needs not different? My

dear sisters, it comes to me more solemnly than I can begin to express in words, the fear that failure to seize the privileges of this year will dwarf our spiritual life and dry up the sources of our too scanty benevolence. If the inspiring motives, arguments and facts with which letters, papers and pulpits have been crowded for the past nine months do not arouse us to greater earnestness of life and purpose, what can we ever expect to give us an enthusiasm for the work which filled Christ's latest thoughts before he left the earth? "Too much done for missions?" Never, till we have given enough to secure the presence of "Christ as a witness to all; then shall the end come."

The Woman's Missionary Union was specially invited by the Centennial Committee to engage in the effort to raise the \$250,000 Chapel Fund. One hundred new missionaries with their support of \$100,000 was the call for the enlargement of the Foreign Work, and a corresponding increase (doubling its receipts) \$75,000 was the call for Home Mission enlargement,—a total of \$425,000 additional to usual gifts. In the aggregate, this sounds large, because we have accustomed ourselves to small things; divided among our

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Unless the men and women composing the churches represented on the Southern Baptist Convention are quickened by the Spirit of God to appreciate the present position of affairs, and to determine, like the discouraged Jews of Nehemiah's day, to arise and build each man his part of the wall; we shall inevitably meet a dismal failure at the end of the year's hopes. The failure will not only mean a loss of the actual money to the Boards with which to prosecute the work so greatly needed in both departments. This will indeed be a great loss; but a greater is involved. It means that the largest body of Baptists in the world, though proposing to itself to do the smallest thing as the Centennial's memorial, will quietly and ignominiously consent to descend still lower and fail of their low aim. It means more. It inaugurates the next hundred years of missions with a humiliating defeat which will cast its baleful shadow upon subsequent endeavors, fertilizing the logic of obstructionists to future efforts, by this signal and notorious failure.

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ALICE ARMSTRONG.  
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has been improved. The money made on it all goes to missions. It asks prayer and makes money for missions and missionaries. Every Baptist house—and several rooms in many Baptist homes—in the South, should have a copy in it. Price 25 cents. They can be procured at the Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms, 9 W. Lexington street, or from Miss M. E. Wright, Augusta, Ga.

### PRAYER FOR THE CENTENNIAL EFFORT.

At the suggestion of Miss Fannie Heck, President of Woman's Missionary Union, the request goes forth to all Woman's Mission Societies that the March meeting be characterized as seasons of special prayer for the success of the Centennial collections.

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